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## Blue Grass Birthday

Seventy years ago, Blue Grass Airport--then Blue Grass Field--opened its airfield to the first commercial flight to Lexington, forever changing transportation in the Bluegrass. On October 13, 1946, Delta Air Lines flew a 21-passenger Douglas DC-3 from Atlanta to Lexington, en route to Cincinnati. This inaugural flight was met with excitement, and Lexington's embrace of air service grew stronger with the addition of Eastern Air Lines, Piedmont Airlines and others.

Over the past 70 years Blue Grass Airport has witnessed the arrival of Olympia, the first horse to fly in to race at Keeneland in 1948, the landing of a British Airways SST Concorde in 1989, Air Force One carrying U.S. Presidents and an Air Force F18 more recently, among other momentous arrivals and departures.

Today, Blue Grass Airport is serviced by four major airlines: Allegiant, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines and United Airlines, providing 18 non-stop destinations and connecting service to hundreds of locations worldwide.



## Memphis International Airport Wins Top Communications Honors

**Memphis Daily News**  
Its namesake was public affairs **director** at Los Angeles International **Airport**, where she was the first woman to head the public relations department for ...

## Airport: Turbulent times possible if new runway project is permanently grounded

**Virginian-Pilot**  
Earlier this year, the **airport** closed its shorter, secondary runway, which ... 2 letter to Elliott Black, the **director** of the FAA's **airport** planning and ...

## NC: Lumberton council gets look at planned **airport** terminal

AviationPros.com  
Nov. 10--LUMBERTON -- City Council members on Wednesday got a sneak peek at the Lumberton Municipal **Airport's** new terminal. **Airport**

## Soaring Wi-Fi at Clinton National **Airport** Ranked Fastest in the World

PR Newswire (press release)  
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Nov. 7, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- Bill and Hillary Clinton National **Airport** in Little Rock, Arkansas has been named as having the best ...

## Lynchburg **airport** offering TSA Pre-Check signups in December

WSET  
(WSET) - TSA Pre-Check is coming to the Lynchburg Regional **Airport** in December. The **airport** says an enrollment desk for the service will be inside ...

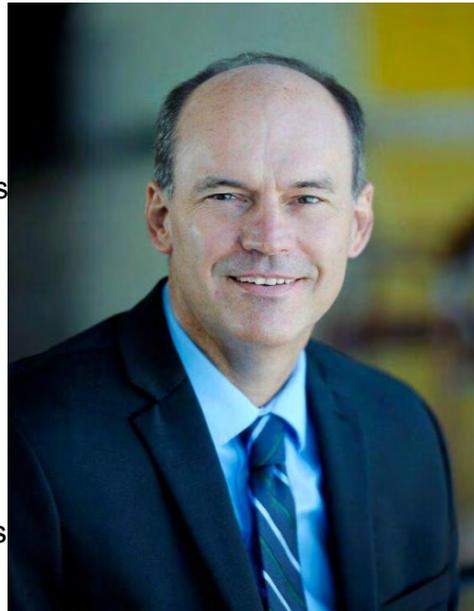
# WELCOME

The Lee County Port Authority is pleased to announce that Jeff Mulder, A.A.E. will become the new executive director at Southwest Florida International Airport and Page Field on Jan. 1, 2017.

Mulder comes to the Lee County Port Authority with a 28-year career in airport operations, marketing, development and administration. For the past 11 years, he served as the director of airports in Tulsa, Okla., which encompasses a three-airport system. From 2009 to 2013, Mulder also served as the director of transportation for the City of Tulsa. Prior to that, he worked in Appleton, Wis., Evansville, Ind., Milwaukee and New Orleans.

"After an extensive national search, we believe Jeff Mulder is an excellent choice to direct the administration and oversee operations at both our airports, as well as provide the leadership and vision necessary to take us into the future," said Frank Mann, chair of the Board of Port Commissioners.

"I look forward to joining the Lee County Port Authority and working with the Board of Port Commissioners, employees and business partners at Southwest Florida International Airport and Page Field, as well as community and regional leaders to continue the outstanding record of success the airports have demonstrated throughout the years," said Jeff Mulder, A.A.E.



Mulder has a Master of Business Administration from Cardinal Stritch College in Milwaukee, Wis., and a Bachelor of Science in aviation technology and operations from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Mich. He is an accredited airport executive (A.A.E.), recently served as the national chair for the American Association of Airport Executives and was named the 2016 Airport Director of the Year by Airport Revenue News. He also holds a commercial pilot license and is a certified flight instructor.

## KY: **Airport** Officials Still Fighting for Essential Air Service

AviationPros.com  
So, **Airport Manager** Bob Whitmer will have to start over in his efforts to keep Cape Air flying between Owensboro and St. Louis. In the year that ended ...

## FAA tests antidrone tech at Denver International **Airport**

CNET  
"Unmanned Aircraft Systems that enter the protected airspace around **airports** can pose serious threats to safety," the agency wrote in a press release ...

## Why dragging your luggage through the **airport** could soon be a thing of the past

Today.com  
If you hate carrying around your luggage, this is the suitcase for you. The Travelmate connects to your smartphone and follows you at 7 mph.

## Orlando International Airport all set for expansion

WESH Orlando

With the **airport** setting a record with 41 million annual passengers this year, ... It's the biggest expansion of the **airport** since it opened 35 years ago.

## After three quarters, airport passenger counts looking good

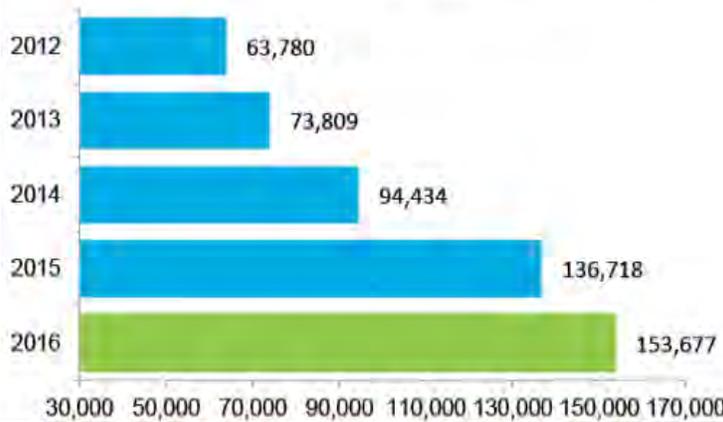
Inside NoVA

Northern Virginia's two main **airports** each finished the third quarter of 2016 with higher passenger counts than the same nine-month period a year ...

## St. Pete-Clearwater International (PIE) Monthly Passenger Report – October 2016 - Biggest October in our History!

PIE's biggest October in our history resulted in 153,677 passengers, a 12% increase over October 2015. Our year-to date increase is also 12%. Allegiant recently began flights from PIE to/from Trenton, NJ on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Portsmouth, NH begins November 17<sup>th</sup>, and Austin, TX begins February 17<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, Allegiant will begin service to/from Cleveland on February 15<sup>th</sup> (and discontinue service from Akron-Canton). Sunwing just resumed seasonal service to Toronto on October 31<sup>st</sup> and Halifax will resume in February. Sun Country/ Beau Rivage Resort & Casino continues service to Gulfport-Biloxi.

October Monthly Passengers



## Charlotte TSA officer led drug trafficking network: Feds

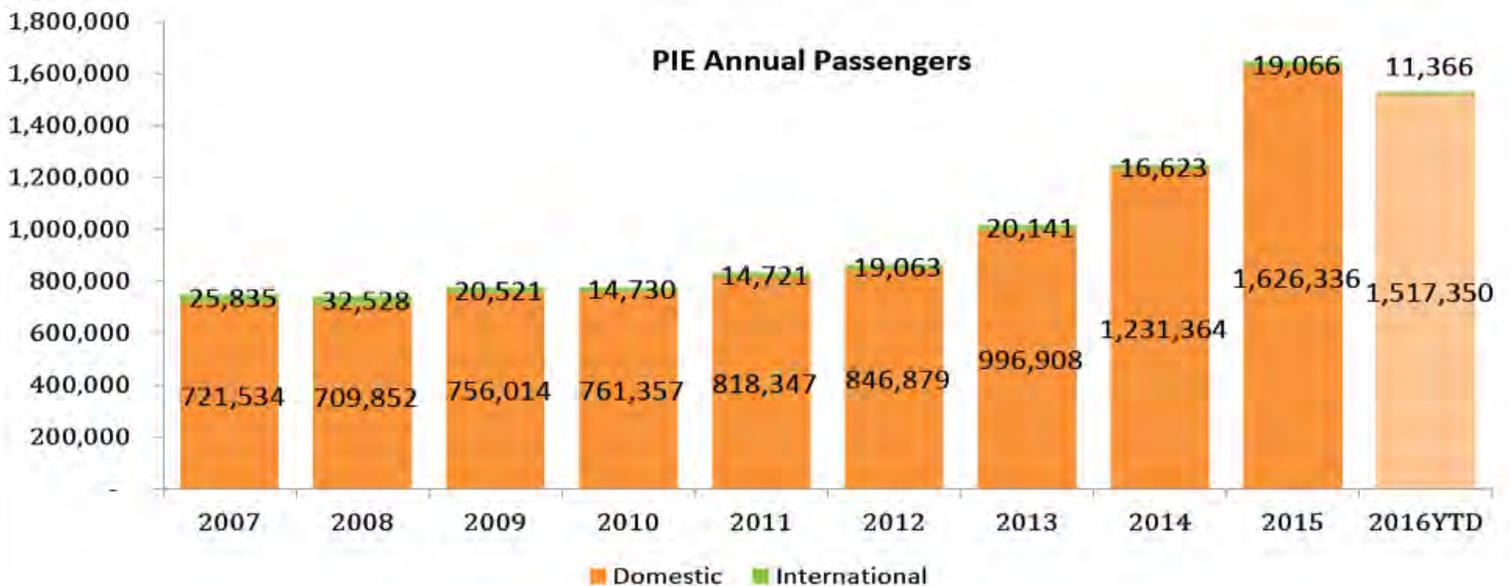
JammedUp News

Federal law enforcement officials say a **TSA** officer was among eight people arrested as part of a drug trafficking network arrested last week operating ...

## Melbourne airport adds another Canadian airline

Florida Today

MELBOURNE — A Canadian airline billed as an "ultra low-cost" carrier announced Wednesday it will soon start service to Orlando Melbourne ...



## Did You Know The **FAA** Has A Catchy Theme Song?!?

One Mile at a Time - BoardingArea

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## Ludacris Finally Opens "Chicken N Beer" Restaurant In Atlanta **Airport**

HotNewHipHop

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## End of the Runway: Rethinking the **Airport** Improvement Program and the Federal Role in **Airport** ...

Heritage.org

For decades, the federal government has been extensively involved in **airport** funding through grants and legal restrictions. The **Airport** Improvement ...

## Augusta Regional **Airport** Director looking to grow the **airport**

WRDW-TV

(WRDW/WAGT) -- The new **airport** director is ready to see flights to D.C. come back here. He'd like to add a few new destinations to the list too.

## RDU travelers file hundreds of complaints against **TSA**

WNCN

But while Transportation Security Administration agents are watching you, CBS North Carolina Investigates looked into who is watching the **TSA** ...

## **Airport** Plan for Trump Administration

Cato Institute (blog)

During the election campaign, Donald Trump complained that "our **airports** are like from a Third World country." Indeed, America's **airports** could be a ...

## **Airport** Chairman Resigns with Angry Letter

Southern Pines Pilot

The Moore County **Airport** Mosaic, designed and created by Denise Baker, was hung up in front of the Moore County **Airport** in Southern Pines on ...

Happy Holidays from the  
SEC-AAAE Board of Directors



## The Southeast Chapter of the AAE

Are you a **GOAL DIGGER?**  
Let the SEC help you!

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- Aviation Professionals seeking to move up within the airport ranks
- Mid-Level Airport Professionals
- Corporate/Consultant Partners
- Professionals new to the Aviation Industry

### WHEN:

Thursday, December 8, 2016  
9:30 am - 3:30 pm  
9:30 am - Coffee  
10 am - Program starts

### WHERE:

Your Host this Workshop:  
**Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport**

Future Workshops:

Watch for 2017 dates coming soon!

### WHAT IS THIS MEETING ABOUT?

The Southeast Chapter of AAE is pleased to offer instructional and energizing workshops for attendees to learn from the industry's best:

- Tips to become a LEADER
- Hear SUCCESS and war stories
- HINTS to expand your career

### COST:

\$75 for SEC Members  
\$125 for non-SEC Members

Join the Chapter now for \$35

Online Registration Form

Includes presentations and lunch courtesy of Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport.

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March 5-7, 2017

AAAE/SEC-AAAE Finance & Administration Conference

Daytona Beach, FL

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SEC-AAAE Annual Conference

Knoxville, TN

[www.knoville2017.com](http://www.knoville2017.com)